

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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"It is only possible to live happily ever after on a day to day basis".

- Margaret Bonnano

Personnel Protective Equipment Protects KSC Technician

During a recent task in an open pit manhole at Pad B, a Communication Systems technician was attempting to move cables aside to inspect and tag other cables. The technician received a shock from one of the cables. He immediately called a **"Time Out"** and reported the incident to his supervisor who also notified the Pad Leader and Occupational Safety. An investigation revealed that a 480VAC power cable with frayed insulation was the source of the shock. The investigators concluded that the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) the technician was wearing, consisting of rubber insulated boots and leather work gloves, saved him from a more severe shock or a possibly worse injury.



Lessons Learned:

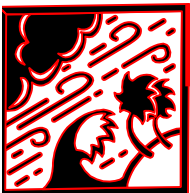
- Always wear your PPE. It may save your life or reduce the extent of possible injuries
- If an employee is experiencing difficulty or suspects something is not right, he or she should call a **"Time Out"** to assess the situation before proceeding with further work

As a result of a recent USA-3 Safety meeting and discussions with the custodial staff, the following points were requested to be stressed to employees.

Custodial Staff Request



- **Remind employees not to put broken glass in their garbage cans.** If they have broken glass, place it in a box and mark it to prevent the staff from injuring themselves.
- **Remind drivers to go slow in the parking lots.** The custodial staff usually move multiple waste cans to the dumpsters and cannot quickly move out of the way of vehicles.



Are You Ready?

It already has been a month into the hurricane season andit's so quiet. Last year we experienced hurricanes Floyd and Irene along with a late season tropical storm which really pounded the east central coast of Florida. Now is the time to check your supplies of food, batteries, water, plywood, important papers, and update your hurricane plan. Forecasters are expecting an active season, so **PLAN AHEAD**. If you weren't prepared last year, you can be this year!



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